

TOWN OF HERNDON

Enriching the Quality of Life and Promoting a Sense of Community



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HERNDON NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE REGISTRATION UNDER WAY *Community Leadership Program Runs January 20 through March 10, 2010*

Herndon, VA (December 21, 2009) – Registration for the Herndon Neighborhood College, the Town of Herndon's community leadership program, is currently under way. The eight week program features hands-on activities that build organizational, problem solving and leadership skills; participants apply these skills toward strengthening neighborhoods and promoting a strong sense of community.

The 2010 program will be held on Wednesday evenings, January 20 through March 10, from 6:45 – 9 p.m. There will also be a workshop on Saturday, February 6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., and attendance at a public hearing of the Herndon Town Council on Tuesday, February 9, beginning at 7 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Saturday workshop. All classes except the public hearing will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street. There is no charge to attend the Neighborhood College.

"I encourage all citizens to take advantage of this unique leadership program," said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "The Herndon Neighborhood College is hands-on, informative and fun – and it equips graduates with the skills they need to assume leadership positions within their neighborhoods and throughout the town."

Through a combination of lectures, group discussions, role-playing and field work, participants learn how to run effective meetings; influence local government programs and impact the decision-making process; navigate cross-cultural dynamics; access Town of Herndon and Fairfax County services; and organize communities into action.

To register for the Herndon Neighborhood College, call the Neighborhood Resources office at (703)435-6830 or download an application at www.herndon-va.gov, link off of "Featured this Month" on the homepage.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned

establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the town’s Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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